

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 13, 18, and 21 have been amended. Claims 2 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3-13, and 15-21 are now pending in this application, of which claims 1, 5, 12, 13, and 21 are independent.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments do not add new matter to the application.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interviews of January 28 and 29, 2010 and February 4, 2010. During the interviews, the Examiner indicated the allowability of independent claim 5 and also discussed independent claims 1 and 13 in view of Porter (U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0139116) and Morton et al. (U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2009/0125534). The Examiner indicated that claims 1 and 13 would be allowable if amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 14, respectively.

While Applicants have amended claims 1 and 13 to include subject matter indicated as being allowable, Applicants do not admit that the features recited in claims 1 and 13, prior to this amendment, are unpatentable over Porter and Morton. Rather, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 13 for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution of this application. Hence, Applicants do not intend to surrender subject matter of un-amended claims 1 and 13, and Applicants reserve the right to argue the patentability of un-amended claims 1 and 13 in a continuation application or appropriate forum.

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